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SUBJECT: NOMINATIONS FOR DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY TO ASG  
GRADE A-7

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1. PLEASE NOMINATE THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATES:

A. FSO - 2 LUCIAN HEICHLER, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF  
CENTRAL EUROPEAN AFFAIRS, BORN APRIL 1, 1925. SERVED  
AS RESEARCH ANALYST IN DEPARTMENT 1954-60, POLITICAL  
OFFICER IN BERLIN 1960-66, ECONOMIC OFFICER IN YAOUNDE  
1966-68, CHIEF OF ECONOMIC SECTION AND DEPUTY AID MISSION  
DIRECTOR IN KINSHASA 1968-70. HE ATTENDED THE NATO DE-  
FENSE COLLEGE AT ROME 1970-71 AND CHAIRED ONE OF THE  
MULTINATIONAL COMMITTEES OF THE COURSE. HE SERVED IN  
BERN AS POLITICAL AS WELL AS PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER 1971-73.

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IN 1973 HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT AS ECONOMIC  
ADVISER TO THE OFFICE OF CENTRAL EUROPEAN AFFAIRS (EUR/CE)  
IN 1974 HE BECAME OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF FEDERAL REPUBLIC  
OF GERMANY AFFAIRS, AND A YEAR LATER HE WAS ADVANCED TO  
THE POSITION OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE. ON  
MANY OCCASIONS, AND AT TIMES FOR PERIODS UP TO TWO MONTHS,

HE HAS SERVED AS ACTING DIRECTOR OF EUR/CE. AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR HE HAS CONCENTRATED ESPECIALLY ON THE SECURITY ASPECTS OF US-GERMAN RELATIONS, WITH EMPHASIS ON NATO AFFAIRS AND POLITICAL-MILITARY MATTERS. HE PARTICIPATED IN THE DECEMBER 1975 NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING. IN NOVEMBER 1976 HE COMPLETED A USIA-SPONSORED LECTURE TOUR OF GERMANY, SPEAKING ON DEFENSE POLICY QUESTIONS. AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EUR/CE HE HAS HAD CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE IN EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISION, AND IN CHAIRING COMMITTEE AND INTER-AGENCY MEETINGS. HIS EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN POLITICAL, POLITICAL-MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS GIVES HIM A BROAD POLICY PERSPECTIVE. AS FOR ACADEMIC BACKGROUND, HE HOLDS A B.A. AND M.A. IN HISTORY FROM NEW YORK UNIVERSITY. HIS FRENCH WAS TESTED SOME TIME AGO AT THE 3 PLUS/4 LEVEL, AND HE CONSIDERS IT TO BE NOW AT 4/4. HE IS BILINGUAL IN GERMAN AND SPEAKS A LITTLE ITALIAN. HE IS STRONGLY INTERESTED IN THE NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF POLITICAL DIRECTORATE POSITION.

B. FSO - 2 DON JUNIOR, DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLITICAL-MILITARY SECTION ROME, BORN AUGUST 23, 1925. HE DID CONSULAR WORK AT LAGOS 1951-53 AND AT PALERMO 1953-55. SERVED AS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER HAMBURG 1956-59 AND STAFF AIDE TO AMBASSADOR AT BONN 1959-60. WAS DEPUTY OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF NATO POLITICAL AFFAIRS IN EUR/RPM 1960-63 AND ON THE STAFF OF THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY FOR MULTILATERAL FORCE AFFAIRS IN 1963. HE WAS DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE POLITICAL SECTION IN ADDIS ABABA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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1964-67 AND DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE AND SALES 1967-69. AS CHIEF OF PER'S REQUIREMENT BRANCH 1969-71, HE WAS DESCRIBED AS THE MOST OUTSTANDING OF 100 OFFICERS IN PER AT THE TIME. HE ATTENDED THE SENIOR SEMINAR 1971-72 AND SERVED THEREAFTER AS PRINCIPAL OFFICER AT LUBUMBASHI 1972-74. SINCE 8/74 HE HAS BEEN IN CHARGE OF MULTILATERAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS AT THE EMBASSY IN ROME, FIRST AS DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE POLITICAL SECTION AND THEN AS DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE POLITICAL-MILITARY SECTION. HE HOLDS A B.S. FOREIGN AFFAIRS, GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY. HE HAS TESTED 3 PLUS/4 FRENCH, 3/3 PLUS GERMAN, AND AT LEAST 3/3 ITALIAN. HE WAS HIGHLY PRAISED FOR HIS MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISORY ABILITIES IN PM, PER AND LUBUMBASHI, AND HE HAS SHOWN POLITICAL ANALYSIS AND COORDINATION SKILLS IN SEVERAL POSITIONS. HE HAS EXTENSIVE BACKGROUND IN NATO AND POLITICAL-MILITARY AFFAIRS AND IS VERY INTERESTED IN THE POLITICAL DIRECTORATE POSITION.

2. INASMUCH AS THE TWO OFFICIALS NAMED ABOVE WILL HAVE TO

BE ASSIGNED WITHOUT UNDUE DELAY, WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF

ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE MADE FOR AN EARLY INTERVIEW WITH  
A VIEW OF A FINAL NATO DECISION ON THE CANDIDATE THEY  
SELECT BY APRIL 8.

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